

City of Abbeville
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on June 6, 2023 at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room, located at 101 North State Street, Abbeville, Louisiana, with the Honorable Roslyn R. White, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Carlton Campbell, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Tony Hardy

Members Absent: Councilwoman Terry Broussard

Also, Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Mike Hardy, Police Chief
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Chris Gautreaux, Director of Public Works & Parks
Stewart Head, Electrical Superintendent
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Kim Touchet, Engineer
Byron Dozier, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, QSA
Lloyd Campisi, Health Insurance Agent

Mayor White called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. She then asked Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. to lead those assembled in prayer. Mayor White asked Mr. Charles Dill to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to amend the agenda to move #2, special event permit for Relay for Live of Vermilion to hold a Paint the Parish Purple Party in Magdalen Square, to #19 and to add the approval to purchase poles from Techline at a cost of \$17,037.75. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item prior to action. There were none.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to ratify the appointment of Anaiz Gonzales to the position of Police Officer with the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to ratify bills paid in the month of May 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve the renewal from UMR and HCC for the employee health insurance program and the group Medicare Advantage Program for the retiree health insurance program from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve a special event permit for Relay for Life by Royal Fit Nutrition to hold a Glow Run at LaFitte Drive-In Park on Friday, June 30, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM pending receipt of their 501C3 documentation, to allow the park to remain open until 9:00 PM on that date and to close the

walking trail area only for the set up and event. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to enter into a public hearing to receive comments from the public pertaining to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 2-160 (a) – Drugs to be tested for. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mayor White asked if there are any comments from the public. There were none. Mayor White explained the changes to the ordinance.

-07 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to reconvene the regular meeting from public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Touchet/Hardy Ordinance 23-07

An ordinance to amend section 2-160 (a) – Drugs to be tested for.

The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereupon was as follows:

YEAS: 4(Campbell, B. Broussard, Touchet, Hardy)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1(T. Broussard)
ABSTAIN: 0

Therefore, the ordinance was adopted.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to rescind Resolution R23-02 adopted at the February 7, 2023 regular City Council meeting that authorized the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury concerning work to be done on Margaret Street and Landry Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Broussard/Campbell Resolution R23-16

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury that allows the parties to work together to make improvements on Margaret Street and Landry Drive with the maximum to be paid by the City is \$25,000.00 per street and \$50,000.00 total maximum.

The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to ratify the pre-application submitted to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries pertaining to the request for grant funds for the fishing pier project at LaFitte Drive-In Park and to authorize the Mayor to execute the full application and for Sellers and Associates, Inc. to submit same. The motion carried unanimously.

-10 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the annual contract with Primeaux, Touchet & Associates, LLC in connection with professional engineering services for extraordinary emergency recovery events. The motion carried

unanimously.

-11 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve payment of the invoice from Durable Piling Restoration in the amount of \$8,865.00 for the bridge pile repairs on the South Hollingsworth bridge. The motion carried unanimously.

-12 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve payment of the contractor's application for payment number 1(final) in the amount of \$35,500.00 payable to Southern Constructors, LLC pertaining to the replacement of the sludge blowdown valve at the Water Treatment Plant. The motion carried unanimously.

-13 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to surplus the following units: 562, a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado in the Street Department, 559, a 2011 Dodge 1500 truck in the Water Department, 503, a 2007 Dodge Dakota truck in the Utility Administration Department, 394, a 2001 Dodge 1500 truck in the Street Department, 635, a 2011 GMC truck in the Park Department, 644, a 2005 Chevrolet truck in the Water Department and 415, a 2001 Ford F250 truck in the Street Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-14 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to award the lease purchase of a 2018 used regenerative air street sweeper to Covington Sales & Service, Inc. and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents in association with the lease purchase agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White discussed the DOTD Road Transfer Program in detail.

-15 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and execute all documents relative to the DOTD Road Transfer Program. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White provided an update on the ADA accessibility project at A. A. Comeaux Park.

-16 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to authorize the Mayor to proceed with the ADA accessibility project at A. A. Comeaux Park. The motion carried unanimously.

-17 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to authorize the Mayor to execute the memo of understanding for field usage at A. A. Comeaux Park between the City of Abbeville and the American Legion. The motion carried unanimously.

-18 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$9,521.39 payable to Delta Fire & Safety for repair to a fire truck. The invoice will be paid from the Maintenance and Operation Fire Department Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

-19 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to resume the annual contribution to the Vermilion Economic Development Alliance. The 2023 annual contribution is \$7,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-20 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to grant a variance to Relay for Life from the Food Truck Ordinance for their event that will take place on August 26, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

-21 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve a special event permit for the American Cancer Society-Relay for Life of Vermilion to hold a Paint the Parish Purple Party in Magdalen Square on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

-22 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve payment of an invoice from Techline in the amount of \$17,037.75 for poles for stock. The motion carried unanimously.

Chris Gautreaux provided a water plant repair update and announced that the splash pad is open.

Byron Dozier distributed a list of events at Comeaux Park for June.

Mayor Roslyn R. White announced that the City has two summer workers through Acadiana Workforce Commission that are paid by St. Landry Parish Government. They are working at City Hall. She also requested two names for the next meeting for the vacancy on the Abbeville Fire and Police Civil Service Board.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor White declared this meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White
Mayor